

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, claims 1-13 have been amended to delete reference numerals and, where relevant, to delete multiple dependencies. In addition, the "means" recitations in several of the claims have been amended to include a functional recitation consistent with the original wording, and Claim 10 has been reworded slightly for similar reasons. No new matter has been introduced by the changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the Title, specification, Abstract and claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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